



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Jürgen Behrens et al.

Serial No. 09/587,574

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For Conductine Protein and a Related Agent, etc.

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Box Amendment
Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary amendment

Prior to taking up this case for action, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

In the disclosure

Please replace the disclosure with the enclosed substitute disclosure with abstract.

In the claims

Please replace claims 1-23 with the following new claims:

1 --24. A material for the diagnosis of tumors, which comprises (i)
2 conductine, its mutants, and variations of parts thereof; (ii) genes coding for
3 conductine, its mutants, and variations or parts thereof; or (iii) mRNA sequences
4 which are read by said genes.--

1 AA' --25. The material of claim 24, comprising specific conductine
2 antibodies, its variations, mutants, or parts thereof.--

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